(e) Source reduction of mosquito breeding is done by frequent removal of silt, clearing of open drains, timely collection and removal of garbage. Special drives are being carried out through mass spraying and fogging throughout Railway premises. Target areas for successful and effective sprays are prioritised in order to give more attention to potential breeding habitats. Entomological surveys for assessment of mosquito density are being carried out in collaboration with State Health authorities. Observance of Anti-Mosquito fortnight between 5th and 20th March, 2008. To improve supervision, 48 additional posts of Health and Malaria Inspectors have been created in Southern Railway.

Purchase of Punjabi newspapers for Shatabdi trains

1656. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Punjabi newspapers were purchased for the distribution in Shatabdi trains on Delhi-Chandigarh and Delhi-Amritsar routes;

(b) the details for last two years alongwith the names of newapapers, month-wise; and

(c) what is the policy of his Ministry towards promoting regional language newspapers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) As per policy, to promote use of Hindi and regional languages, newspapers in Hindi/ English languages are to be supplied in the ratio of 50:50 in Hindi speaking areas and newspapers of Hindi/English/Regional language in equal proportion in other than Hindi speaking areas. Zonal railways are also empowered to decide suppplying of newspapers for meeting the regional requirement, if any, even in Hindi speaking areas to meet the passengers demand.

Modernisation of railway stations in Uttarakhand

1657. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of railway stations identified for the purpose of renovations and expansions in the State of Uttarakhand during the financial year 2008-09; and

(b) the amount earmarked for the said purposes for each station, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) During the year 2008-09, no station has been identified for the purpose of modernization in the State of Uttarakhand. However, following stations were identified for renovation/ expansion/modernization in the preceding years—

Dehradun, Haridwar, Roorkee, Rishikesh, Kashipur, Haldwani, Lalkuan, Rudrapur City, Kathgodam and Ramnagar.

Other stations would be taken up subsequently on completion of modernization works at all the above stations.

(b) Does not arise.